

Allowing a few large companies to own control of most of the media is proving to be the death of a fair and balanced system. It has become clear that corporate America is trying to advance their own interests over the concerns of the nation. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Our democracy is in danger of being bought by the right wing, and in danger of having American civil liberties sold. It's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.